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THE HAGUE

In the Netherlands - a break at last. Those three Japanese guerillas and their six remaining hostages - finally leaving the besieged French Embassy in the Hague; boarding a police van for a nearby airport - where a French jet was waiting to fly the guerillas abroad. The plane also bearing that fourth guerilla - earlier released from a French prison. And Dutch TV tells us - the hostages have been released.

WHITE HOUSE

As he indicated at his press conference last night -
President Ford ^{today} ~~was~~ again ^{was} attempting ~~today~~ to put Watergate
behind him. The President concentrating on inflation -
and how to combat it. Meeting first with his Cabinet -
and then his top economic advisers; also, summoning back
to Washington - Paul McCracken, who was once ^a ~~Richard~~
Nixon's chief economist. ^{Ford is} ~~The~~ President attempting to firm
up a new anti-inflation policy ↗ to serve as the basis of
his "Economic Summit Conference" next week.

HAIG

General Alexander Hair flatly denied today - a published report that it was he who induced President Ford to pardon Richard Nixon. The retiring White House chief of staff - saying the story was "all wrong;" a statement later echoed - by White House spokesman John Hushen. The General "certainly was for the pardon - but he didn't lobby for it" - said Hushen. Adding that Haig remained - "neutral" throughout.

NEW YORK FOLLOW HAIG

Here in New York - Julie Nixon Eisenhower is filling in this week for Barbara Walters - on the TV show "Not For Women Only." Julie saying her father - is still "upbeat" with her and "holding up remarkably." Adding, however: "He will be hospitalized within a few weeks - because of the phlebitis."

JAWORSKI FOLLOW NEW YORK

Special Prosecutor ~~Leon~~ Jaworski indicated today ^{that} his final report will probably not include a special section on Richard Nixon. This in a letter to eight Senators - who had earlier urged full disclosure. Jaworski saying his "existing authority - most likely does not justify the inclusion" of such a report. Adding that his "primary concern - relates to the protection of individual rights."

LOS ANGELES FOLLOW JAWORSKI

And now this - from Los Angeles; **Richard Nixon's**
lawyers [^] attempting ^{to} ~~^~~ quash [^] subpoena ~~^~~ requiring his
appearance at a pending court case in Charlotte, North
Carolina; claiming the former President ~~^~~ is too ill to
testify. The President said to be suffering from serious
fatigue [^] ~~^~~ ^{as well as} ~~along with~~ [^] his recurrence of phlebitis.

UNITED NATIONS

The U. N. General Assembly opened today; - its
twenty-ninth annual session; Starting out with the election
of a new President - Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz
Bouteflika; and the admission of three new members -
Bangladesh ^{in Asia,} Grenada ^{in the Caribbean,} and Guinea Bissau ^{in west Africa,}

The world body then adjourning till Noon tomorrow -
to await an address by President Ford; an address expected
to spell out for the first time - his major foreign policy
objectives.

AMNESTY

President Ford's amnesty decision - is still the subject of much discussion, both pro and con. But apart from the rhetoric - a number of convicted draft dodgers were being released today from Federal prisons; and others who hadn't yet been caught - were turning themselves in.



ADD AMNESTY

And, ~~the latest~~ Attorney General William Saxbe
ordering the release of all imprisoned draft evaders -
on immediate thirty-day furloughs.

GENEVA

U.S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson arrived ^{ing} today
in Geneva, - getting ready for the resumption of SALT talks,
~~Johnson~~ ^{was} saying he is "reasonably optimistic" that a
comprehensive ten-year strategic arms agreement - can
be reached in the coming year.

CONGRESS

House and Senate conferees today agreed on the key provisions - of a new political campaign reform bill.

These including Federal grants of Twenty Million each to the Republicans and the Democrats - to finance Presidential campaigns. They ^{to} ~~can't~~ spend no more! Also, Two Million each - to finance their Presidential nominating conventions.

— if the bill goes thru — will be
But House and Senate candidates ~~still~~ ^x expected to pay their own way.

Capitol Hill again - the Senate voted unanimously today - to investigate the activities of the CIA in Chile.

This ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ ~~told~~ an effort to determine whether high Administration officials, including ~~Henry~~ ^{Sec. of State} Kissinger - may ~~have perjured themselves~~ ^{deceived the Committee} in previous testimony.

BRUSSELS

At Brussels - the nine Common Market nations today agreed to develop - a common energy policy. This to include an increase in nuclear energy production - along with joint research into new technologies.

ENERGY FOLLOW BRUSSELS

Here at home - more of the same. The Senate today passing a bill - to speed up research and development in the field of solar energy. ^{With} ~~And~~ the House [^] to take up a similar bill tomorrow. Total cost of the U.S. solar energy program ~~= expected~~ to come to One Billion over the next five years.

CARIBBEAN

Tropical storm Fifi in the Caribbean - became today
a full-fledged hurricane with winds up to eighty-five miles
an hour. At last report, heading ~~due west~~ straight
northern
for the Honduras.

And now this message

WASHINGTON

One of the groups that most strongly supported former President Nixon - has taken on a new name. The National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, headed by Rabbi Baruch Korff - ^{now becomes} ~~now~~ the U.S. Citizens Congress. It also has a new executive director - former White House aide Bruce Herschensohn; who says the press is trying to do the same thing to President Ford - that it did to his predecessor. Herschensohn adding: "It was neither a honeymoon nor a good marriage between President Ford and the press - ^{just} ~~it was~~ a quick affair."

Two to LT for PBS News saying SLUTM.